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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TEXT OF FRENCH JUNE 21 AIDE MEMOIRE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRENCH JUNE 21 AIDE MEMOIRE RE-
FERRED TO IN SEPTTEL.

-- "AT THE MEETING HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON
JUNE 16, 1978, MR. ATWOOD, WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT A
SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE REGARDING PAN AM'S CHANGE OF
GAUGE AT LONDON, SUGGESTED TO THE EMBASSY OF FRANCE THE
ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

-- "THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WOULD ACCEPT BEFORE JULY 8 THE
ARBITRATION COMPROMIS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND WOULD ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WOULD LIFT THE RESTRICTION
PLACED ON PAN AM FLIGHTS WHEN THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL
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TAKES UP ITS DUTIES, THAT IS TO SAY, IN THE FIRST DAYS OF
AUGUST. FOR THEIR PART, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD
NOT APPLY PART 213. PAN AM WOULD THEREFORE OPERATE THE
ROUTE IN QUESTION, WITH THE DISPUTED CHANGE OF GAUGE, ON
A PROVISIONAL BASIS UNTIL EXPIRATION OF THE TIME LIMIT
GRANTED TO THE ARBITRATORS TO HAND DOWN THEIR DECISION.

-- "DESIROUS, LIKE THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, OF ARRIVING

AT A SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE AND PREVENTING ESCALATION OF REPRISALS, THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES EXAMINED THIS PROPOSAL WITH UTMOST ATTENTION. THEY ARE ABLE TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THEY FOUND THE FORMULA ENVISAGED BY MR. ATWOOD INTERESTING TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS BASED ON THE SEARCH FOR AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING A BALANCE BETWEEN THE POSITIONS MAINTAINED BY EACH OF THE PARTIES.

-- "THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE THEREFORE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE ARBITRATION COMPROMIS WITH THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. SUCH NEGOTIATION WOULD ALSO INVOLVE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD BE VALID PENDING THE ARBITRATORS' DECISION.

-- "THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES PROPOSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT A DELEGATION BE SENT TO PARIS FOR THIS PURPOSE ON JUNE 28 OR 29 OR, AT THE LATEST, ON JULY 3, AS THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES PREFER." VANCE

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